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MARVEL
BATTLES THE
WORLD**



THE SPACE PARADE

A Jon Jarl Adventure

By Esodo Binder



ZOOMING through space in his rocket ship, Lieutenant Jon Jarl of the Space Police tried to wrangle more speed out of his straining motor.

"This is important," Jon muttered. "Can't waste a second!"

Was the famed space cop after an interplanetary crook? Were ruthless space pirates at work? Or was some world in grave danger? The way Jon Jarl's lips were set, any observer would know it was something very vital.

Jon landed at Asteroid Z-33, in a daring power-dive, almost a crash landing. He leaped out and ran to the huge old building nearby. He dashed in out of breath, yelling, "Where is it? Harry!"

Someone pointed and Jon leaped into a big room, ready for action. Without a word, he jerked his ray-gun out of its holster and . . . laid it aside.

Then he yanked a lot of tools from his belt and bent over the machine on the corner. "I'll have that television set fixed for you kids in a jiffy, or my name isn't Jon Jarl!"

Surrounding him were dozens of kids, boys and girls of all ages. They were orphans, and Asteroid Z-33 was also known as Orphan Asteroid. All of them watched him anxiously. Some rubbed tears in their eyes.

Jon worked like a demon, fixing wires, replacing burned out tubes, and soldering connections. Then he snapped it on and the large, eighty-inch TV screen sprang into life, showing a long line of giant colorful floats in space.

"Whewewew!" said Jon in happy relief. "Just in time. Dry your eyes, kids, and take it in!"

With squeals of delight and joy, the kids now gathered around and stared in bug-eyed fascination. "Gee!" cried one. "The great Space Parade! We won't miss it after all! Oh boy!"

Jon threw himself onto a chair, all in. Since receiving their SOS call, he had hurried up space to get here and perform his merciful mission. And somehow, seeing the rapture on the orphans' faces, Jon felt more proud of this simple repair job than of any great ad-

venture in space. "Now those poor kids won't miss the wonderful Space Parade—and that is important!"

The great Space Parade started at the Moon and went in a long line to Earth. It was put on every year by Spacey's Planetary Store. Giant rigid balloons a mile long were dragged through space by rocket tugs. Huge floats of gaudy candy-houses followed. Dancing mechanical clowns did their funny antics. A band of robot musicians hurled out radio-wave music and columns of space soldiers in space-suits marched in precision, with their space jet-shoes.

All this was brightly lit by huge search-lights on escorting spaceships. It was a colorful extravaganza of space, watched over TV by millions of people on all worlds. And by billions of eager kids.

But suddenly, just as the parade was at its height, the whole room jolted violently! The TV screen cracked to bits. Kids were spalled on the floor, screaming. Jon Jarl was hurled against a wall, stunned. He staggered up, ran out—and gasped. Not only the room had been jolted, but the whole building, for windows were cracked all over. And not only the building, but the whole asteroid! For overhead, Jon could see the stars whirling at a dizzy rate in a circle. The heavens spun.

In short, the asteroid had suddenly jerked and—moved out of its orbit!

Jon was astounded. How had this happened? What could make the asteroid slip out of its orbit? How could this whole world start speeding through space like a runaway?

Strangest of all, the asteroid was heading straight toward the Space Parade itself! Having an eccentric orbit that, like Eros, often brought it closer to Earth than Mars, Z-33 would soon reach the Space Parade marching from the Moon to the Earth! But why? It was all crazy!

And dangerous! If this whole asteroid crashed into the Space Parade, not only would all the orphans be killed, but the Space Parade would be wrecked, ships smashed, and

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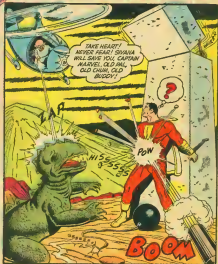
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SIVANA SAVES CAPTAIN MARVEL

WHENVER BILLY BATSON, FEARFUL BOY NEWSCASTER, SAYS THE WORD "SHAZAM" HE IS MIRACULOUSLY CHANGED INTO POWERFUL CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL WHO COMBINES IN HIS MIGHTY PHYSIQUE THE POWERS OF SIX OF THE MIGHTIEST HEROES OF ALL TIME!



SIVANA SAVES CAPTAIN MARVEL? SURELY THIS MUST BE A MISPRINT! HOW COULD THIS IMPROBABLE THING COME ABOUT? FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL, CHAMPION OF EARTH, HAS ALWAYS BEEN SIVANA'S MOST BITTER ENEMY! YET, BY THE STRANGEST TWIST OF FATE EVER KNOWN, THE INCREDIBLE MARENGO AND THE WORLD'S BRIGHTEST SCIENTIST SAVES THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!



AT THE POTTER HOUSEHOLD WHERE HE LIVES, BILLY BATSOM'S ROOM IS DECORATED WITH TWO SPECIAL PICTURES!

SHANA'S BEEN IN WORK A LONG TIME NOW, BUT AS LONG AS CAPTAIN MARVEL IS ON THE JOB, HE RIGHT AS WELL STAY IN HONS!



LATER, AS BILLY DOES SOME SHOPPING FOR MRS. POTTER

HELLO, MR. GRUM-ROCK! I'LL HAVE SOME ORANGES AND---HEY! WHAT'S WRONG, MR. GRUMROCK?

I---I FEEL FUNNY!



THE NEXT INSTANT, BILLY STARES IN HORROR AT THE SPOT WHERE THE GROCER STOOD!

HOLY MOLEY! HE TURNED INTO A HEAP OF DUST! SOME HORRIBLE DAY FROM THE SKY DID IT AND IT'S COMING TOWARD ME---

SHAZAM!



IN RESPONSE TO BILLY'S SECRET WORD, MAGIC LIGHTNING BLASTS DOWN, CHANGING HIM INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF FAMED CAPTAIN MARVEL!



NO FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN HARM THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!



BUT OTHERS NEARBY ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE!



MORE PEOPLE TURNING TO DUST! THIS LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL HORROR WEAPON INVENTED BY THE MOST EVIL GENIUS ON EARTH---SHANA!



BUT HIGH ABOVE THE CITY...





I'LL KEEP VOIL HERE AT THE LISTENING POST! IF SINAVA STRIKES AGAIN... AHA!

SOS! SINAVA WILL CALLING! SOME STORMING RAY IS SHINING DOWN AT OUR TOWN FROM THE SKY, CREATING HAVOC! HELP!



THE WORLD'S SPEEDIEST MAN STRIDES THE DISTANCE TO GREENVILLE IN LESS THAN A SPLIT SECOND!

I HOPE I DON'T FIND TOO MANY HEAPS OF DUST WHICH WERE FORMERLY PEOPLE!

BUT A STUNNING SURPRISE AWAITS!



HOLY MOLEY! IS THIS AN INVASION OF HUGE INSECTS--?

NO! NO! WE WERE PEOPLE, BUT SOME FOUGHTFUL RAY TURNED US INTO INSECTS!



HEH HEH! CAPTAIN MARVEL'S AFTER ME, EH?

THAT HEARTLESS FRENCH SINAVA HAS AN INSECT RAY AS WELL AS A DUST RAY! I'LL SHOW HIM THIS TIME!



FAR FROM SHOWING FEAR AT HIS MIGHTY ENEMY'S APPROACH, THE WISED-GENIUS IS STRANGELY GLEEFUL!

HEH! LITTLE BOYS THAT BIG RED CHEESE KNOW THIS IS AN INGENIOUS TRAP I'VE PREPARED TO BAG HIM LIKE A MOUSE! HEHHEH!



STOP THAT INSECT RAY, YOU INSECT!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE, CAPTAIN MARVEL!



HAVE BITTY ON A BREAK, OLD MAN! I CONSIDER!

WHAT? YOU GIVE UP THIS EASY? H-HOLY M-H-HOLEY!

BUT CATCHING CAPTAIN MARVEL OFF GUARD, THE WILD SCIENTIST ACTS SWIFTLY!



HEH! THAT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO SHOW THIS LITTLE GADGET INTO YOUR MOUTH!

Ugh?

ACTUATED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL'S BREATH, THE DEVICE SOUNDS THE ONE WORD HE WOULD LEAST LIKE TO HEAR AT THIS MOMENT!



SHAZA!

HEH HEH!

THE MAGIC LIGHTNING BLASTS DOWN, CHANGING POWERFUL CAPTAIN MARVEL BACK INTO BILLY BATSON!



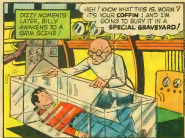
BOOM



HEH HEH! JUST AS I PLANNED, BILLY—JUST AS I PLANNED!
HEH HEHHEH!

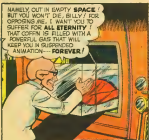
BONG

Ugh!



DIZZY MOMENTS LATER, BILLY AWAKENS TO A DREA SCENE!

HEH! KNOW WHAT THIS IS, BORN? IT'S YOUR COFFIN! AND I'M GOING TO BURY IT IN A SPECIAL GRAVEYARD!



NAMELY, OUT IN EMPTY SPACE! BUT YOU WON'T DIE, BILLY! FOR OPPOSING ME, I WANT YOU TO SUFFER FOR ALL ETERNITY! THAT COFFIN IS FILLED WITH A POWERFUL GAS THAT WILL KEEP YOU IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION—FOREVER!



HEHHEH!
LIVE ON, BILLY!
YOUR COFFIN WILL ORBIT EARTH NOW LIKE A LITTLE MOON! AND YOU CAN LOOK DOWN AND WATCH ME BECOME KING OF EARTH!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEHHEHHEH!

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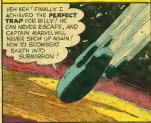
AND SOON, IN QUIET SPACE, BILLY FACES A GRISTLY
TRINITY OF MENTAL TORMENT!

THE SUSPENDED ANIMATION
GAS PARALYZED ALL MY MUSCLES,
AND STOPPED MY HEART AND
LUNGS! BUT IT KEEPS ME
PRESERVED ALIVE!
D-DEATH WOULD BE
B-B-BETTER!



SPEEDING BACK TO EARTH, THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST
SCIENTIST BAGGINS IN WILD TRIUMPH!

YEAH NER! FINALLY I
ACHIEVED THE PERFECT
TRAP FOR BILLY! HE
CAN NEVER ESCAPE, AND
CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL
NEVER SHOW UP AGAIN!
NOW TO ESCAPE
EARTH INTO
SUBMISSION!



I TURNED THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE INTO INSECTS
AROUND THE WORLD!
NOW TO CALL THE UN
AND DELIVER MY
ULTIMATUM!



ATTENTION, U.N. DELEGATES!
I'LL TURN ALL THE PEOPLE
ON EARTH INTO BUGS—
UNLESS YOU CAPITULATE
TO ME IN TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS! BUT I SWEAR
YOU'LL TRY TO RESIST
ME, LIKE STURROCK
FOOLS!



BUT TO SIVANA'S SURPRISE...

GO AHEAD, SIVANA!
TAKE OVER THE WORLD!
SEE WHAT GOOD IT
WILL DO YOU NOW!

WH-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
SOME UNIDENTIFIED SNAKE IS
SWEEPING EARTH WITH A HORRIBLE
RAY THAT TURNS PEOPLE TO
DUST? WE'RE HELPLESS
AGAINST THEM! THE WORLD
IS LOST!



SOMEBODY ELSE IS CONQUERING
EARTH? HOW DARE THEY?
THE WORLD IS
MINE!



IS IT,
SIVANA?



THE WORLD IS OURS, NOW! WE HAVE CONQUERED IT WITH OUR DUST RAY!

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! DO YOU REALIZE TRYING TO CONQUER EARTH IS A WICKED SIN? SHAME ON YOU!



YOU SHOULD TALK, SWANA! WE ARE THE AZRAKS, LIVING IN THE REMOTE ANDS MOUNTAINS! SECRETLY, WE BUILT UP OUR SCIENTIFIC WAR FORCES TO CONQUER EARTH! WE WILL CRUSH OPPOSITION AND EXECUTE ALL KEY MEN WHO MIGHT STAND IN OUR WAY!



AND YOU, AS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIST ON EARTH, ARE NUMBER ONE ON OUR BLACK-LIST!

YOU MEAN A-ME?



EVIL SWANA TASTES THE BITTEREST MOMENT OF HIS LONG, SWA LIFE!

JUST AS I HAD EARTH IN MY GRASP, THESE SWAKS TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME! HOW CAN THEY ROB ME THIS WAY? SWINE! CHEATS! THIEVES!



ONE MORE AGONIZING THOUGHT SENDS SWANA'S BLACK SOUL TO TORMENTED SPIRITS!

AND TO THINK THAT I MADE IT EASY FOR THEM-- BY ELIMINATING CAPTAIN MARVEL, FOOL THAT I WAS!



YOU ARE PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE TO US, SWANA! PREPARE TO DIE!

PAH! THIS SECRET SHOCK PELLET CONCEALED IN MY TOOTH WILL COVER MY ESCAPE!



WITH HIS WILY RUSE, SWANA REACHES HIS SHIP AND ROCKETS AWAY!

HEH HEH! DID THOSE CRUMBS THINK THEY COULD HOLD ME, AFTER ALL THE EXPERIENCE I'VE HAD ESCAPING FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL HIMSELF?



AFTER HIM / HE MUST NOT GET AWAY!



CURSES! THEY'VE GOT SO MUCH SPEED AND RANGE AS I HAVE! HOW CAN I OUTWIT THEM? THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO COULD SAVE ME NOW! I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT MY ONLY HOPE IS --- **CAPTAIN MARVEL!**



BUT WHERE IS BILLY'S COFFIN? HOW CAN I FIND SUCH A TINY OBJECT IN VAST EMPTY SPACE? **BILLY** WHERE ARE YOU? **BILLY!**



OH JOY! THERE HE IS AT LAST! NOW TO SHOW THOSE AZBARKS A THING OR TWO!



BILLY MY BOY! YOU SWEET KID! HOW NASTY I WAS TO YOU BEFORE! BUT NOW I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE FOR THE GAS!



NOW SAY YOUR WORD, DEAR BOY! HURRY!

SHAZAM, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR HEAD? **SHAZAM!**



OH, LOVELY SOUND! I USED TO HATE IT, BUT NOT NOW!



CAPTAIN MARVEL! MY OLD ONE, MY CHUM, MY BUDDY!

ARE YOU COOKED? I'M YOUR WORST ENEMY!



AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LONG BITTER FELD, CAPTAIN MARVEL AND SIWANA JOIN FORCES AGAINST A MUTUAL ENEMY!



IN A FEW MINUTES, A FLASHING FORM ROCKETS DOWN INTO THE REMOTE ANDES TO A STRANGE CITY SUSPENDED BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS BY CABLES!





HE GOT AWAY FROM ME! BUT MAYBE I CAN SCARE HIM OUT OF HIDING BY RIPPING LOOSE A FEW OF THESE CABLES!

SNAP



HELP! THE CITY IS SAGGING! WE'LL CRASH!

I THINK KING ZURK WILL COME TO TERMS NOW!



YOU WIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL! ATTENTION ALL AZPAK SHIPS! RETURN HOME! WE MUST SURRENDER TO CAPTAIN MARVEL OR HE WILL WRECK OUR CITY!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING SENSE!



AND THIS ENDS YOUR WARLIKE RULIE, EX-KING ZURK!

THANKS, CAPTAIN MARVEL! NOW WE WILL FORM A DEMOCRACY AND JOIN THE U.N!

SNAP



THAT'S THAT! I FINED THE CABLES AND THE CITY IS SAFE! THE AZPAKS, WITH ZURK'S EVIL REGIME DEPOSED, WILL NEVER THREATEN EARTH AGAIN!



NOW TO FIND SWANA AND THANK HIM! FOR ONCE HE SAVED THE WORLD, INSTEAD OF MENACING IT! BUT I CAN'T FIND HIS SHIP! WHERE DID HE GO?



A LITTLE LATER, SWANA ATTACKS THE U.N!

HEH! EXCUSE AZPAKS, ENTER SWANA, KING OF THE WORLD! I'LL TURN ALL THE DELEGATES INTO BLOOD AND TALK OVER!

SHOO

CAPT. MARVEL



BOBBY'S BULL'S-EYE



1 A FEW MONTHS AGO A WHOLE GANG OF US GOT OUR GUNS, BUT WE HAD THE SAME PROBLEM AS YOU, SO WE STARTED A CLUB WITH A CONSTITUTION AND OFFICERS AND EVERYTHING!



2 THEN WE SET UP OUR OWN TARGET RANGE AND GOT A COUPLE OF DADS TO ACT AS INSTRUCTORS FOR US!



3 BEFORE LONG WE HAD ALL LEARNED TO SHOOT AND THEN WE STARTED REAL COMPETITIVE MATCHES WITH PRIZES AND ALL! IT WAS LOTS OF FUN!



SAY, THAT SOUNDS REAL GREAT, TOM! I'D LIKE TO JOIN!



WHY DON'T YOU GET IN ON THE GUN, TOO, KIDS? START A JUNIOR AIR RIFLE CLUB IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD! FOR FULL FREE DETAILS, WRITE TO JUNIOR SAFETY INSTITUTE, SUITE 100-A 230 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS!



CAPT. KID

*in the
MESSAGE
FROM ACROSS
the SEAS!*

IT'S OVER A YEAR SINCE I PUT A NOTE IN A BOTTLE AND TOSSED IT INTO THE RIVER. I BET IT'S BEEN ACROSS THE WORLD AND ITS ON THE WAY BACK TO ME WITH AN ANSWER!



WHAT'S THAT OUT THERE—
IT'S A BOTTLE!



IT LOOKS AS IF IT HAS
A LETTER IN IT!

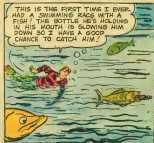
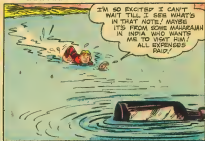


IT DOES HAVE A LETTER
IN IT! IT MUST BE A
REPLY TO THE LETTER
I SENT!



IT'S NOT FLOATING TOWARDS
SHORE! I'LL HAVE TO SWIM
OUT THERE AND GET IT!







SUDDENLY...

"I'VE GOT IT!
WHAT THE—"



A FISHERMAN ON SHORE
HARRIED THE FISH WITH
A NET AND HE'S SETTING
HIM ASHORE ---
WITH THE
BOTTLE!



"I'VE GOT TO
SWIM ASHORE
IN A
HURRY!"

"WHAM! A
FISH WITH A
BOTTLE, AND
THERE'S A NOTE
IN THE
BOTTLE! THAT'S
INTERESTING!"



"HEY MISTER! THAT
BOTTLE IS MINE! I WAS
SWIMMING AFTER IT
WHEN THAT FISH
GRABBED IT!"

"THAT'S TOUGH!
IT'S FISHERMAN'S
LUCK, YOU
KNOW! I
PULLED IT IN
AND IT'S
MINE!"



"NO, IT ISN'T! IT'S
MINE! HAND
IT OVER!"

"HEY!
LET GO!"



"NO, I WON'T
LET GO!"

"OH, NO? THEN I'LL
MAKE YOU TAKE
THIS!"



"SO YOU WANT
TO FIGHT ABOUT IT,
EH? ALL RIGHT!"

"YOU'RE ASKING FOR
IT, KID! BETTER
LAY OFF!"

"CRASH!"

CAPT. MARVEL



BOY! I KNOCKED HIM COLD!



CLUB MEMBERS! HERE'S YOUR REGULAR MONTHLY CLUB MEETING!

WAGS ALWAYS YROOB VEGHLM DEYVON OFUS SLP RS
 UYVON OL YV ZYOV SL QVIA RMGL GRY DUCHV
 NTEGKRWK NLEGO, XZGKRWK NREVO! ULI NLYV HEDNORNT
 BULWVY RMALNIZWLM WL BLS LIZVO SL NZW YROOB
 YZGHLM'H WLFYOV ORUV!

Captain MARVEL

BATTLES THE WORLD

HARKEN! HARKEN TO MY VOICE FROM SPACE! YOU ALL KNOW CAPTAIN MARVEL, MIGHTY CHAMPION OF THE HUMAN RACE! YOU KNOW HIM AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, ABLE TO BATTLE AND CRUSH ANY ENEMY OR OPPONENT! BUT THIS IS PERHAPS THE STRANGEST STORY EVER TOLD, OF CAPTAIN MARVEL Pitting ALL HIS POWER AND MIGHT AGAINST AN ENTIRE WORLD!

HELLO, FOLKS, ON THE EARTH, AND THIS IS MY STORY!

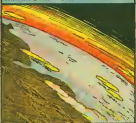
READY FOR BATTLE, CAPTAIN MARVEL?

I'M ALWAYS READY!

BEHOLD! I AM THE EARTH, SPINNING IN SPACE! I AM AN OLD WORLD, BORN TWO BILLION YEARS AGO! OR WAS IT THREE BILLION? I FORGET EXACTLY!

ANYWAY, I AM A HUGE WORLD, EIGHT THOUSAND MILES IN DIAMETER, OF VAST BULK AND WEIGHT AND SIZE! YES, I'M A BIG AND MIGHTY WORLD!

UPON MY OUTER SURFACE THERE ARE GREAT CONTINENTS AND MIGHTY OCEANS!



WITHIN ME IS A CORE OF MOLTEN LAVA AND WHEN I AM ANGRY, I BLOW OFF STEAM!



WHEN THE SUN IS HOT, I COOL MYSELF WITH A BRIZZE!



SOMETIMES, BE IT ADMITTED, I HICCUP!



BUT I OBSERVE CLEANLINESS, WASHING MYSELF AT TIMES WITH LAVING WATERS!



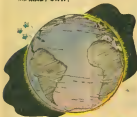
I HAVE ANNOUNCEES TOO, AS WHEN HUGE METEORS FROM SPACE STRIKE ME, GOING OUT CRATERS!



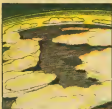
BUT MOST ANNOYING OF ALL -- OUCH! THERE THEY GO AGAIN, THOSE LITTLE PESTS! OWWWW! WHAT ARE THEY DIGGING THIS TIME IN MY SKIN?



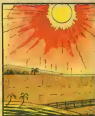
OUCH! **GGGGG!** FEEL THAT! YOU LITTLE TWO-LEGGED **PESTS!** MUST YOU ALWAYS DIG AND SCRATCH ME? YOU'RE DRIVING ME **MAD!** **OWW!**



I WON'T USE COMMON ORDINARY EARTHQUAKES OR HURRICANES OR FLOODS AGAINST THEM! TOO **TAME!** LET ME THINK... AH, I HAVE IT!



I'LL WITHDRAW ALL **CLOUDS** OVER THE LAND SURFACES! THEN THE SUN'S HEAT WILL BRING WITHERING **DROUGHT!**



HA! THAT'S FOR YOU! WITHOUT **CLOUDS** OR **RAIN**, THE LAND WILL ALL TURN TO **DESERT!**

AND NOW LISTEN TO THOSE FESKY PEOPLE STEW AND FUSS!



SO MANY TIMES I'VE HEARD THAT PECULIAR WORD FROM THAT BOY! AND ALWAYS IT IS FOLLOWED BY A THUNDERING BLAST OF **MAGIC LIGHTNING!**



CAPT. MARVEL

IT CHANGES THE BOY INTO ANOTHER FORM, A BIG MAN THEY CALL CAPTAIN MARVEL! HE SEEMS TO BE THE FASTEST AND MOST POWERFUL OF THEM ALL! LOOK AT HIM GO!

HE'S QUITE A BOY, THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL! I ALWAYS GET A KICK OUT OF HIS DEEDS!



RIGHT, CAPTAIN MARVEL! A HEAT AGE! TO SCORCH YOU PESTY LITTLE CRAWLERS AGO! TORMENTING ME!

OH, DON'T BE SILLY, YOU PUNY LITTLE FOOL! THEY CALL YOU THE WORLD'S HIGHEST HERO! BUT EVEN YOU CAN'T STOP SOMETHING I START!

NO! CAPTAIN MARVEL IS LEAVING! GOING UP! HE'S FLYING INTO SPACE WHERE HE'LL PROBABLY GO STARK WILD AT BEING SO HELPLESS! AA!

NOW I'LL JUST BAKE THE REST OF THOSE TWO-LEGGED PESTS TO A CRISP! THAT'S WHAT THEY GET FOR PINCHING AND BITING AND ITCHING ME WITH THEIR WINGS AND OIL-WELLS AND TUNNELS INTO MY SKIN!



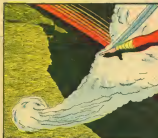
HEY! CAPTAIN MARVEL'S COMING BACK! AND WHAT'S HE GOT?



THIS ASTEROID, COMPOSED OF BILLIONS OF TONS OF SOLID ICE, IS JUST WHAT I NEED!



AS IT FALLS LIKE A METEOR, EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE HEATS IT UP BY FRICTION! IT MELTS--- VAPORIZES---AND FORMS CLOUDS!



OH NO! CLOUDS AGAIN ALL OVER, SHADING AND COOLING MY SURFACE! CAPTAIN MARVEL ENDED MY SIZZLING HEAT AGE! HE SAVED HIS FELLOW PESTS!

WHAT HUMILIATION! ONE TINY TWO-LEGGED PIP-SQUEAK LIKE THAT MAKES A FOOL OF ME! BUT I'LL SHOW HIM! LET HIM STOP THIS NEXT THING! HA!



CAPT. MARVEL

NOW TO USE THE ICE CAP AT THE SOUTH POLE! I HURL TWO MIGHTY WALLS OF ICE, A MILE HIGH, AT EACH OTHER, COATING THE **LOUDEST** SOUNDS EVER HEARD!



FOR ANY LOUD ENOUGH SOUND VIBRATION CAN MAKE OBJECTS VIBRATE AND **SHAKE APART** -- AS IN THOSE HUMAN CITIES! HA!

I'LL KEEP BANGING THEM TOGETHER OVER AND OVER, SENDING SOUND WAVES SMASHING ALL OVER -- AND I **REALLY SMASHING!**



WHAT'S THE MATTER, CAPTAIN MARVEL? SCARED? YOUR FACE LOOKS PASTY WHITE! HA!



LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW? HA!



TAKE A GOOD LOOK, CAPTAIN MARVEL! TWO GIANT ICE CAPS THAT YA BANGING TOGETHER LIKE CANNALS! HOW CAN YOU STOP THEM? JUST **TRY!**



CAPT. MARVEL

HA! SQUASHED LIKE A BUG!



OF COURSE, BEING THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, YOU ARE IMPERVIOUS TO ALL HARM, SO YOU ESCAPE UNHURT! BUT YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED ME!



YES, GREAT HERO! GREAT CHAMPION OF THE HUMAN RACES! YOU'RE LOCKED---DEFEATED! HA!



OH NO! I FEEL IT COMING AGAIN!



OR NO? NOT AGAIN? BOOANNNN!



SO! THIS HAS BECOME A PERSONAL BATTLE, OH? BETWEEN YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL-- AND ME, THE EARTH! ALL RIGHT, IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, YOU'LL GET IT! LET'S SEE YOU BATTLE A WORLD!

CAPT. MARVEL

THERE! I CRACKED SOUTH AMERICA LOOSE FROM ITS MOORINGS! NOW IT WILL SWING AROUND AND CRASH INTO NORTH AMERICA!

NOW LET'S SEE THE BIG LITTLE HERO HANDLE THAT! 41



FUZZLED, CAPTAIN MARVEL? YOU DON'T REALIZE OF COURSE---NOR DO ANY OF YOUR FELLOW CREATURES---THAT I, THE EARTH, AM ON THE DAMAGE AGAINST YOU!



HOW CAN ALL THESE FANTASTIC WORLD-WIDE UPSETS OCCUR, ONE ON TOP THE OTHER? NO HUMAN VILLAIN COULD CAUSE THEM! IT'S CRAZY!


THE ANSWER TO THAT, STUPID, IS---**YOU CAN'T!** YOU'VE MET MORE THAN YOUR MATCH THIS TIME! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD LICK A WORLD? DID YOU THINK YOU COULD CHALLENGE ALL MY MIGHTY POWERS AND, UR---**OW!** WHY'S HE DIGGING DOWN INTO MY INSIDES?





FIRST I'LL SPREAD
THE LAVA ALL OVER THIS
SPOT FROM WHICH SOUTH
AMERICA WAS RIPPED
LOOSE!

NOW I'LL JUST FLY SOUTH
AMERICA BACK WHERE IT BELONGS.
SET IT DOWN AND THAT COOLING
LAVA WILL HOLD IT LIKE
GLUE!



OH! OH! OH! I USE ALL THE POWERS OF A MIGHTY
WORLD AND ONE LITTLE PPSQUEAK OF A HUMAN
STOPS IT ALL WITH EASE! OH! OH!

SOUTH AMERICA IS BACK IN PLACE! BUT I WON'T
BE BESTED LIKE THIS! NOW I'M BOILING MAD!
I'LL WIPE OUT ALL HUMANS WITH ONE TERRIFIC
WORLD-WIDE OUTBURST OF EARTHQUAKES,
FLOODS, HURRICANES, ERUPTIONS AND RILLING
MOUNTAINS! HERE GOES!

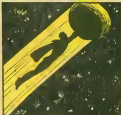


WAIT, BROTHER EARTH!
DANGER COMING AT YOU OUT
OF SPACE! A GIANT RUN-
AWAY COMET! LOOK
OUT!

BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF SCREECHING FOR
HELP? NOBODY CAN SAVE ME... WHAT?
IS CAPTAIN MARVEL FLYING TO MEET THE
COMET? BUT HE CAN'T STOP IT!



YIPES! THE BIGGEST
COMET I EVER SAW!
COMING STRAIGHT AT ME!
I'LL BE SMASHED TO BITS!
I'LL BE KILLED! HELP!
HELP!





THIS PLUTONIUM
THE STUFF THEY USE
IN ATOMIC BOMBS...
WILL MAKE SHORT
WORK OF THAT
COMET!



IT SET OFF A
CHAIN REACTION
IN THE COMET'S HEAD!
THERE SHE BLOWS!

BOOM!



GREAT STARS!
CAPTAIN MARVEL
SAVED YOUR LIFE,
BROTHER EARTH!
AFTER ALL YOUR
RAGING AGAINST
HUMANS, AREN'T
YOU ASHAMED
NOW?



THINK HOW LUCKY YOU
ARE TO HAVE PEOPLE ON
YOU! LOOK AT ME,
BARREN, LIFELESS!
LONELY! I WISH I HAD
CUTE LITTLE HUMANS
LIVING ON ME!



I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY,
BROTHER MOON! YES, THEY ARE
FUN TO WATCH AND... ~~DRILL~~
THEY'RE DRILLING INTO MY SKIN
AGAIN! WHY, I'LL... OH CRUCKS!
FORGET IT! LET 'EM DIG ALL THEY
WANT!



CAPTAIN MARVEL SURE
HAD A BIG JOB ON HIS
HANDS. NOT ONLY SAVING
CIVILIZATION, BUT SAVING
EARTH ITSELF FROM DISASTER!
BUT OUR WORLD HAS SETTLED
DOWN AGAIN, FOLKS! GOOD OLD
MOTHER EARTH IS CALM
AND PEACEFUL
NOW!



MOTHER EARTH? ~~DEAR!~~
THAT HAVE ALWAYS MAKES
ME BOIL!

OH, CALM DOWN,
BROTHER EARTH. YOU'RE
JUST GETTING **ENVOYETRY**
IN YOUR **GLOASS!** FORGET
IT! BE GLAD THAT MIGHTY
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AROUND
TO PROTECT AND MOTHER
YOU!

Captain MARVEL Timely

COURAGE, DEXTER!
YOUR WRATH IS GOING
TO MEET MY
WRATH!

THE IMPOSSIBLE GHOST

CLANKING OF CHAINS... A HORRIBLE HOWL SAVING
THROUGH MIDNIGHT AIR... A FORMLESS WHITE SHAPE THAT
MELTS FROM SHADOW, WAILING AND HOWLING! WHAT ELSE
CAN IT BE BUT A GHOST? BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL MEETS
A MYSTERY SO WEIRD AND UNEARTHLY, AN UNKNOWN
HORROR SO GHASTLY AND TERRIFYING, THAT EVEN HIS
BLOOD CHILLS AT THE MYSTERY OF THE IMPOSSIBLE GHOST!



ON A NIGHT OF BEER FOG, BILLY
BATSON, BOY NEWSCASTER OF
STATION WHLE, VISITS AN OLD
FRIEND!

TOMORROW'S PROGRAM
NEEDS SOMETHING TO PEP
IT UP! I'LL DROP IN ON
DEXTER KNOX, BOY SCIENTIST!
HE'S USUALLY GOOD FOR
AN UNUSUAL ITEM!



GREETINGS!
COME IN!

YIPPEE!
WHAT'S
THIS?



HI, BILLY! MEET
MR. TWO, MY NEW ROBOT!
I NEEDED A HELPER,
SO I INVENTED
ONE!

GOLLY!



I WANT TO SHOW YOU MY NEW ULTRA-DADAD. BILLY! IT WORKS BEST IN THE DARK SO I'LL TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!

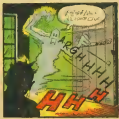


GANK! BATTLE!
ARGHHHHH

DEXTER! MY-WHAT ARE THOSE WEIRD S-SOUNDS?



A COLD GUST OF WIND SWEEPS IN AS THE DOOR FLIES OPEN, AND THERE APPEARS A GHASTLY APPARITION SHRIeking FIERCELY!



PIES! IT'S AFTER US!

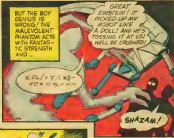
DON'T BE SCARED, BILLY! A SPIRIT CAN'T HARM US!



BUT THE BOY GENIUS IS WRONG! THE MALEVOLENT PHANTOM ACTS WITH FANTASTIC STRENGTH AND...

EDDY / OY / NY-
W'D O' 'E 'E 'E 'E 'E

GREAT EMPEROR! IF PICKED UP BY MY ROBOT LIKE A DOLL! AND HE'S TOSsing IT AT US! WE'LL BE CRUSHED!



WHENVER IN DRE DANGER, BILLY HAS ONLY TO SHOUT THAT WEDIC NAME AND MAGIC LIGHTNING BLASTS DOWN THUNDEROUSLY CHANGING HIM INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF PARED CAPTAIN MARVEL!



MY ROBOT--- WRECKED! BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL SAVED ME FROM HARM!

SCAT! SHOO! I'LL CHASE THAT FUGITIVE FROM A GRAVEYARD BACK WHERE IT BELONGS!



THE FLYING METAL FORM OF THE ROBOT ONLY BUSTS TO BITS AGAINST THE ADAMANT BODY OF THE WORLD'S NIGHTIEST MORTAL!

BUT OUTSIDE, IN THE
SHROUDING FOG

IT VANISHED LIKE A ---WELL,
LIKE A GHOST / BUT WHAT A
CRAZY THING / WHY SHOULD
A GHOST HAUNT A
SCIENTIFIC
LABORATORY?



WAS THIS GROUND
EVER PART OF A
CEMETERY?
DEXTER?

NO / AND NO MURDER
WAS EVER COMMITTED
HERE / NOR HAVE I
ANY ENEMIES WHO
WOULD WANT TO HAUNT
ME FROM BEYOND THE
GRAVE / I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND THAT
GHOST EITHER!



YOU EXPECT GHOSTS
TO HAUNT OLD HOUSES OR
RUINS OR GRAVES /
BUT A GHOST IN A SCIENCE
LAB? IT MAKES NO
SENSE / WELL, BILLY HAD
BETTER GET TO BED!



LATER BILLY'S SLEEP IS SHATTERED
BY A TERRIFYING EVENT!



EEEEAAA!
SHAZAM!

AGAIN MAGIC
LIGHTNING
SAVES BILLY,
GIVING HIM
HIS OTHER
FORM!



WISHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL ACTS SWIFTLY AGAINST
THE STRANGE MENACE, USING HIS KEEN BRAIN!

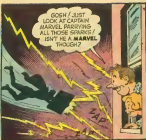
MORE ELECTRIC BOLTS! / I
NEED THIS WOODOR! GLASS
IS AN INSULATOR
AGAINST
ELECTRICITY!



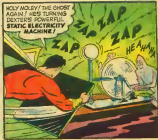
UNIQUELY, LIKE A
STRANGE SORT OF
KNIGHT, CAPTAIN
MARVEL FLIES OUT
TO BATTLE THE ELECTRI-
CAL BARRAGE!

THE GIANT SPARKS ARE
COMING FROM DEXTER'S
LAB! BUT I'LL GET THAT
NO HOUSES ARE SET
ON FIRE!





GOGH! JUST LOOK AT CAPTAIN MARVEL BARRYING ALL THOSE SPARKS! ISN'T HE A MARVEL THOUGH?



HOLY MOLEY! THE GHOST AGAIN! HE'S TURNING DEXTER'S POWERFUL STATIC ELECTRICITY MACHINE!



WHOA! ONCE THIS SPINNING WHEEL IS STOPPED, THE SPARKS WILL DIE OUT!



WHEN DEXTER ARRIVES, THERE IS STILL NO ANSWER TO THE UNEARTHLY RIDDLE!

WHY IS A GHOST HAUNTING MY LAB? IF I COULD ONLY MAKE IT TELL ME!

WHIM! GREAT IDEA, DEXTER! BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS—FOR YOU! LET BILLY TAKE YOUR PLACE AND WAIT HERE FOR THE GHOST'S RETURN!



LATER, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, BILLY WAITS GRIMACINGLY BUT BRISKLY FOR THE MAD GHOST!

WEARING THIS LAB COAT, I'LL PASS FOR DEXTER, IF THE GHOST IS AFTER HIM! MAYBE I'LL GET THE GHOST TO TALK AND... HERE HE COMES NOW!



W-WAIT! WHO ARE YOU THE GHOST OF? WHY ARE YOU H-HAUNTING TH-THE LABORATORY? SPEAK AND TELL ME IN ENGLISH! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT QUEER FOREIGN LANGUAGE YOU USE!

$2 + 2 = 4$
 $15 - 8 = 7$
 $6 \times 7 = 42$
 $10 \div 2 = 5$



BUT MAKING NO INTELLIGIBLE ANSWER, THE HORRID SUPERNATURAL MONSTROSITY SUDDENLY STRIKES!

$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$
 $\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{2}$
 $2 \times 3 = 6$

THEN CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL HAVE TO—**BOO!**

WHEN THE YOUNGESTERS SENSES RETURN...

CAPT. MARVEL



CAPT. MARVEL



THIRD, INSTEAD OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, THE GHOST SIMPLY USED THE LANGUAGE OF MATHEMATICS! SEE? AND LAST, WHY DID YOU CALL YOUR ROBOT MR TWO?

BECAUSE I DESTROYED MY FIRST ONE MR ONE!



MR ONE WAS A BAD JOB! HIS ELECTRONIC BRAIN WENT WILD! WHEN HE STARTED RADIATING DANGEROUS ATOMIC RAYS FROM HIS BRAIN, I SMASHED HIM AND BURIED HIM IN THE...

AAA! YOU BURIED MR ONE? EH? HURRY?



RIGHT HERE? BUT NOW I PERCEIVE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! DID IT UP... HURRY!



BUT IF YOU BURY IT ANYWHERE ON EARTH AGAIN...?

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T! I'M OFF TO THE MOON!



HOW MR ONE, THE WILLY ROBOT, WILL REST IN PEACE HERE ON THE MOON!



DO YOUR WORST NOW, GHOST! YOU CAN'T HARM ANYONE HERE ON THE LIFELESS MOON!



LATER, AS BILLY TELLS THE BOY SCIENTIST ON EARTH...

SO THAT WAS THE CRAZY ANSWER ALL THE TIME! THE MAD ROBOT I DESTROYED AND BURIED CAME BACK FOR REVENGE AS A GHOST!

WOW! I'VE GURE GOT A BIG STORY FOR TOMORROW'S NEWSCAST! I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU FOR THE UNUSUAL EH, DEK?



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The Space Parade

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many more lives lost.

But how could Jon Jarl stop an asteroid, fifty miles in diameter, from racing through space like a juggernaut?

Jon could leave the asteroid himself, in his small one-man ship, residing down—but that thought never even entered his mind. Not with a thousand helpless orphans trapped here without a ship. A supply ship came only once a week, but then left again. There was no escape for the orphans from this frightful space crush!

Already far off in black space, Jon could see the flashing lights of the Space Parade. They would arrive in a few short hours, smashing into the parade!

Jon felt utterly helpless and his mind almost gibbered in madness at this ghastly predicament. But suddenly he snapped erect and put his ear flat to the ground.

"A faint rumbling deep underground!" he breathed. "Just as I suspected. Now to find a cave leading down!"

Jon knew that this asteroid, like many others, was honeycombed with a network of natural caves and caverns, leading down to its central core. Finding a cave, Jon sped into its gloom, lighting his Atomic Torch from his belt. On he sped, following the eerie, winding caverns down—down.

It was twenty-five miles to the center—but in the light gravity Jon was able to leap and run ten times faster than on Earth, so that before long he reached the huge hollow heart of the asteroid.

He gasped, even though he knew what to expect. A giant machine was set up there, humming and rumbling mightily. Jon knew what it was, the standard Anti Gravity-Machine of 2061 A.D., installed in asteroids to move them. The powerful atomic engine could easily shift gravitational forces and make any small planetoid like this cruise through space. It was used to clear space lanes among the crowded asteroids.

But it was not being used for that purpose here. Jon saw a man lurking behind the machine shoot his ray-gun. But he saw him too late! Jon fell with a groan!

The man came up, leering. "Got you, Copper! And never mind moaning for sympathy. I'm just going to let you die!"

"Reginald Krull!" moaned Jon. "I knew it would be you! Last year, your big Kraft Store went bankrupt."

"Right," sneered Krull. "And it was all because I couldn't compete with Spacey's Store! They drove me out of business, blast them!"

"No they didn't," Jon gasped, wincing in pain. "It was just fair honest business competition. But you kept trying to rob your customers with high prices, and unfair profits, whereas Spacey's was not so greedy."

"Shut up!" growled Krull, "or I'll finish you off right now. Anyway, this is my revenge against Spacey's. I'll smash their big Space Parade and kill lots of people, and they'll never live it down. Pretty cunning, eh? Think that over, Copper, as you die!"

"But I'm not dying," informed Jon, leaping up, catching Krull unawares with a clip on the jaw that made him drop his gun in surprise.

"You were just playing possum!" screamed Krull.

"Right," grinned Jon. "Your shots didn't touch me. But those shots, from my flat, aren't missing you!"

With all his power, Jon's fists beat a tattoo on the culprit, stretching him out cold. Jon rushed to turn off the Anti Gravity Machine, but then paused, a slow smile spreading all over his face. "No!" he said. "We'll keep going—and join the parade. I can control the machine so that the asteroid will fall in line like a new star!"

IT WAS the most sensational Space Parade ever seen, with the huge asteroid following and bringing up the rear. And on that asteroid were a thousand orphans delirious with joy.

"Gosh all stars!" yelled one. "Lieutenant Jon Jarl is just the bear guy in the whole universe! We not only get to see the parade—we're part of it!"

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